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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/070,764; Filed: March 12, 2002  
For: **Preparation of Highly Pure Toxin Fragments**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover a one (1) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
4. A return postcard.

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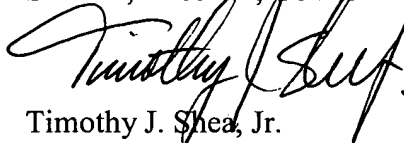
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